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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to applicant's amendments filed on August 26, 2009.
2. Claims 1-4,7,8 and 11 are pending. Claims 5,6,9,10,12 and 13 have been cancelled.
3. Claims 1-4,7,8 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tzikas et al (US 6,160,101) in view of Tzikas et al (WO 00/06652) for the reasons set forth in the previous office action.
4. Claims 1 and 8 stand provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of copending Application No. 10/551,319 for the reasons set forth in the office action dated May 13, 2008. Applicants have not argued this rejection.

### ***Response to Arguments***

5. Applicant's arguments filed regarding Tzikas et al (US 6,160,101) in view of Tzikas et al (WO 00/06652) have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The examiner argues that the motivation to combine the dyes is found in the Tzikas '652 reference (The Tzikas '652 document is not in English so the English equivalent

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document, US 6,537,332, is being relied upon for citation purposes) wherein in column 9, lines 1-50 Tzikas '332 states that in addition to the dyes disclosed in the reference it is advantageous to add additional reactive dyes to form a mixture for the benefit of shade adjustment. This reference provides evidence that it is known to one of ordinary skill in the art to combine dyes in dyeing processes. In addition to this, it is prima facie obvious to combine two compositions each taught by the prior art to be useful for the same purpose, in order to form a third composition which is to be used for the very same purpose. See *In re Kerkhoven*, 205 USPQ 1069, 1072. Both Tzikas references are directed to dyeing similar fabric substrates for the benefit of producing dyed fabrics with good all-round properties such as light and washfastness (see both abstracts). Therefore combining one reactive dye with other reactive dyes to form mixtures for the benefit of achieving a desired shade and good all-round properties of the dyed fabric would be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art. Accordingly, the rejections are maintained.

### ***Conclusion***

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to AMINA KHAN whose telephone number is (571)272-5573. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30-5 off. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vasu Jagannathan can be reached on (571) 272-1119. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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